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The Impact of Networking on Access to Debt Finance and Performance of Small and Medium Enterprises in South Africa

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ABSTRACT The study investigates the impact of networking on access to debt finance and on performance of SMEs in South Africa. Data was collected using self-administered questionnaires in a survey. Data analysis included univariate and bivariate analysis. Results indicate there is a significant positive relationship between networking and access to debt finance and performance of SMEs. Recommendations to improve networking by SMEs are suggested.